

Broadband over power-line has the potential to open desperately needed competition in the broadband world. Cable tends to ignore competition from the telephone companies because they know DSL has distance restrictions and that the phone companies are primarily focused on putting CLECs out of business. We the American people need this third leg of competition.

I am also aware of some concerns from the amateur radio community. I have two responses to their complaints. 1) I have suffered with their analog signals coming through my stereo and computer speakers for decades - and will not miss them. 2) Amateur radio serves a microscopic percentage of the population, while high-speed Internet has the potential to server every household in America once it becomes more affordable. We cannot allow a few thousand hobbyists to stand in the way of progress for tens of millions.